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In re Application :  
Rainer Hoffmann, et al :  
Serial No.: 09/508,907 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT  
Filed: May 24, 2000 :  
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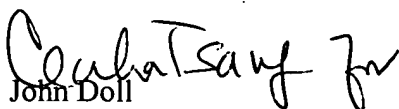
This is in response to the Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment filed 31 January 2003.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a Final Office action to applicants on June 10th, 2002. On January 27th, 2003, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants for lack of response to the Office action, mailed June 10th, 2002. Applicant's representative states that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the referenced office action was never received. Applicant provides evidence of non-receipt in the form of a copy of the file jacket for the instant application and their docket pages for September 10-11, 2002 and December 10-11, 2003, dates which would have corresponded to the three month and six month response times, if the office action had been received. Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error due to non-receipt of the final office action and is hereby withdrawn with the mailing of this decision.

The Final Office action will be remailed with mailing of the Petition decision. Applicant's period for response will be Three months from the mailing of this decision, said time period extendable under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang at (703) 308-0254, by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703)308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7230.

  
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